

## **Bill Cherrier**

Executive Vice President and CEO Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO) Des Moines, IA

Bill Cherrier was named Central Iowa Power Cooperative's (CIPCO) Executive Vice President and CEO in October 2017. He joined the organization with 35 years of experience in the utility industry, most recently serving as Chief Planning and Finance Officer for Colorado Springs Utilities. Prior positions include Manager of Finance and Development at Alliant Energy Generation, and General Manager, Generation Business Operations, at IES Industries, both located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

While at CIPCO, Bill has overseen the changing generation landscape of the cooperative. CIPCO's generation expansion includes Heartland Wind Divide's 104 MW purchase power agreement, the \$85 million repowering of Summit Lake Generation Station to efficient natural gas-fired reciprocating engines, along with the recently completed 100 MW Wapello Solar and 54 MW Independence Wind long-term power purchase agreements. In previous positions during his career, Bill lead the acquisition of a 480 MW combined-cycle gas power plant and was an integral part of the executive team on a \$1 billion water supply project.

Bill has always been an active member within the industry, serving on various boards and committees. He currently serves the cooperative industry as a member of the ACES Board and as a member of the Hawkeye Insurance Association Board.

Bill earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, and he is a certified public accountant. He has three grown children: Sarah (Isaac) in Indianapolis; Christy (Kristian) in Seattle; and Nick in Cedar Rapids, and one grandson, Mason. In his free time, Bill enjoys running, cycling, building and racing bikes. He currently lives in West Des Moines with Mary, his wife of 25 years.